



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Department of Purchasing**  
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**MAYOR**

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION / REJECTION OF ALL BIDS**

From: Prajkta Waditwar, Construction Procurement Manager

Date: 5/4/2021

Re: Invitation for Bids 21-64: Sidewalk Repairs for the City

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The City of Somerville (the City) is rejecting all bids received in response to IFB 21-64 – Sidewalk Repairs for the City. Upon tabulation of the bids based on estimated quantities furnished in the bid package, all possible contract amounts would exceed the City’s budget by at least \$900,000.00.

Pursuant to M.G.L. c 30, 39M(a) and the IFB #21-64, under Section 1.5 General Terms - Right to Cancel / Reject all bids: “The City of Somerville may cancel this solicitation, or reject in whole or in part any and all bids, if the City determines that cancellation or rejection serves the best interests of the City.”

The Office of the Inspector General’s manual “Designing and Constructing Public Facilities” (November 2016, chapter V., p. 75) also states that “[a]n awarding authority has the right to reject all general bids under limited circumstances, such as when all bids are significantly higher than the awarding authority’s budget.”

The City has determined that it is in its best interest to reject all the bids received and rebid the project with revised estimated quantities.

All interested and qualified contractors are encouraged to submit a bid. The bid package will be advertised in the Central Register, local newspaper, CommBuys and posted on the City of Somerville’s Purchasing web page at

<https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing>.